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Sir:

**PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for reply to the Office action dated October 21, 2003 for one month from January 21, 2004 to February 21, 2004. As February 21, 2004 falls on a Saturday, it is believed that the proper extension date is February 23, 2004, the next business day.

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